

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties number: ~~WA-III-1121~~ WA-TII-122

Name: Yarrowburg Rd. over Israel Creek

The bridge referenced herein was inventoried by the Maryland State Highway Administration as part of the Historic Bridge Inventory, and SHA provided the Trust with eligibility determinations in February 2001. The Trust accepted the Historic Bridge Inventory on April 3, 2001. The bridge received the following determination of eligibility.

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Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D Considerations: <u>  </u> A <u>  </u> B <u>  </u> C <u>  </u> D <u>  </u> E <u>  </u> F <u>  </u> G <u>  </u> None	
Comments: _____ _____ _____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>Anne E. Bruder</u>	Date: <u>3 April 2001</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>Peter E. Kurtze</u>	Date: <u>3 April 2001</u>

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Historic Bridge Inventory  
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MHT Number WA-III-122

**Name and SHA No.** Yarrowburg Road over Israel Creek/W 6191 (W619110)

**Location:**

**Street/Road Name and Number:** Yarrowburg Road

**City/Town:** Gapland    Vicinity x

**County:** Washington

**Ownership:** State x County Municipal Other

**This bridge projects over:** Road Railway x Water Land

**Is the bridge located within a designated district:** yes x no

NR listed district NR determined eligible district  
locally designated other  
Name of District \_\_\_\_\_

**Bridge Type:**

Timber Bridge

Beam Bridge Truss-Covered Trestle  
Timber-and-Concrete

Stone Arch

Metal Truss

Movable Bridge

Swing Bascule Single Leaf Bascule Multiple Leaf  
Vertical Lift Retractable Pontoon

x Metal Girder

x Rolled Girder Rolled Girder Concrete Encased  
Plate Girder Plate Girder Concrete Encased

Metal Suspension

☐ Metal Arch

☐ Metal Cantilever

☐ Concrete

☐ Concrete Arch ☐ Concrete Slab ☐ Concrete Beam

☐ Rigid Frame

☐ Other Type Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:**

**Describe Setting:** W 6191 (W 619110) carries Yarrowburg Road over Israel Creek in Washington County, Maryland. Yarrowburg Road runs northeast-southwest at this location; Israel Creek flows generally north-south. The bridge is located in a rural area, and is surrounded by open fields. Israel Creek has a wooded channel bank at this location. There are no structures visible from the bridge.

**Describe Superstructure and Substructure:** W 6191 (W 619110) is a single 24' span steel stringer bridge. It has a concrete deck with bituminous overlay on the road surface. The south elevation has pipe railing, and the north elevation has ornamental steel lattice railing. The structure was originally a one lane steel stringer bridge which has been widened to a two lane bridge by an addition of a concrete slab on the south side of the bridge.

The substructure of the original portion is stone masonry abutments with concrete facing and stone masonry wing walls. The substructure for the widened portion is reinforced concrete abutments with stone masonry wing walls.

The entire structure is listed in satisfactory condition in the 1993 county inspection report. The steel beams are rusted in many places and are in need of cleaning and repainting. The stone masonry wing walls for the original portion of the bridge are in need of repairs and repointing. There are some cracks and spalling in the concrete abutments.

**Discuss Major Alterations:** This structure was widened to a two lane bridge by the addition of a concrete slab bridge on the southern side of the original structure. The date of this addition is unknown, given the available documentary evidence. The original stone masonry abutments were faced with concrete, presumably at the same time.

**History:**

**When Built:** 1920's

**Why Built:** local transportation needs

**Who Built:**

**Why Altered:** to carry more traffic, structural improvements

**Was this bridge built as part of an organized bridge building campaign:** yes

**Surveyor Analysis:**

**This bridge may have NR significance for association with:**

☐ **A Events**    ☐ **B Person**  
☐ **C Engineering/Architectural**

**Was this bridge constructed in response to significant events in Maryland or local history:**no

**When the bridge was built and/or given a major alteration, did it have a significant impact on the growth and development of the area:**It is likely that the widening episode of this bridge was related to the growth of the area, but did not necessarily have an impact on that growth.

**Is the bridge located in an area which may be eligible for historic designation and would the bridge add to or detract from historic and visual character of the possible district:**no

**Is the bridge a significant example of its type:**no

**Does the bridge retain integrity of the important elements described in the Context Addendum:**Because of the extensive modifications, the widening episode and the fact that the structure is currently in need of major repairs, it is not likely that any integrity of the important CDE's is retained.

**Is the bridge a significant example of the work of the manufacturer, designer, and/or engineer and why:**no

**Should this bridge be given further study before significance analysis is made and why:**  
Further study is not necessary for this bridge.

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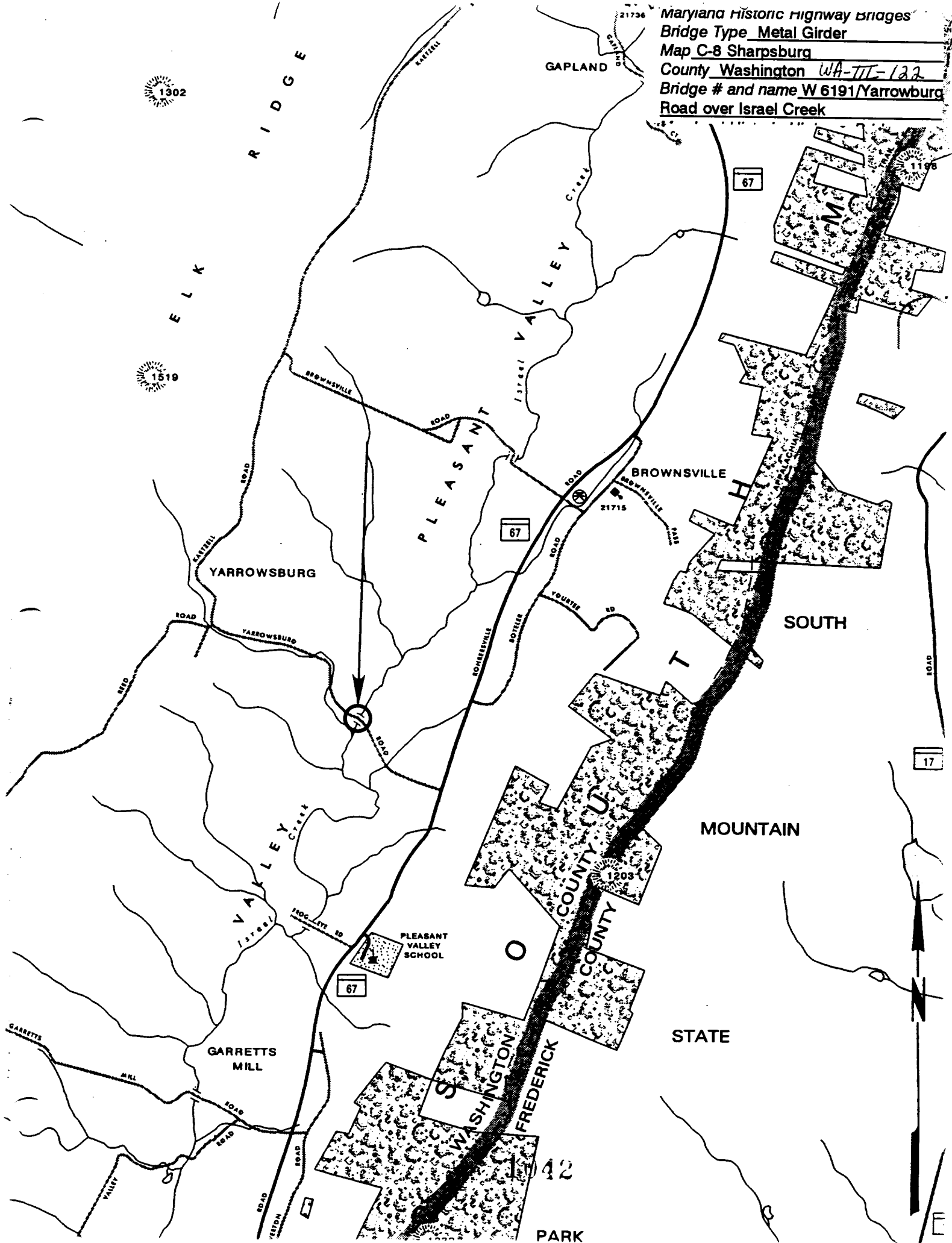
**Surveyor:**

**Name:** Stephanie L. Bandy **Date:** September 1995

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Bridge # and name W 6191/Yarrowburg  
Road over Israel Creek





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W6191

OVER ISRAEL CREEK

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SOUTHWEST ELEVATION (DOWNSTREAM)

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SOUTHEAST APPROACH

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NORTHEAST ELEVATION (UPSTREAM)

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NORTHWEST. APPROACH

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